GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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CHANNELS FEE UNDER DTH SERVICE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government has held any meeting with the TV channels for bringing more channels under free Direct to Home (DTH) service of Doordarshan;

(b) If so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) The reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)
(a) & (b) : Prasar Bharati has held a meeting with the TV channels on 24th April, 2006 for bringing more channels under the DTH service of Doordarshan. However, no meeting has been held at the Government's level.The TV channels showed enthusiasm to come on the DTH platform of Doordarshan. However, they indicated reservations on paying the carriage fee of Rs. one crore per annum proposed to be charged by Doordarshan.

(c) : The matter has been referred to a Departmental Committee of Prasar Bharati for consideration of all aspects of the issue.